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1. Robert Rossak, Austrian Communist and USIA personnel officer, stated on 14 June 1949 that Dmitri Sidorov, Soviet Director of the USIA Construction and Building Materials Administration, was preparing to establish a firm in Vienna to handle USIA exports to Italy, the Balkans, and Western European countries. According to Rossak, this export firm will be established in the near future and will start operating when USIA is dissolved. Rossak is allegedly trying to hire a commercial agent to travel in the Balkans; at the same time he claims no knowledge of the details of the firm's functions.\*
2. Rossak also stated that USIA plans to reduce the staff of the USIA-controlled Bahnbedarf A.G. to ten to twenty persons under the supervision of one foreman. The reduced staff is to handle only heavy equipment repair work.\*\*

\* Comment: This firm may operate along the lines proposed for Intrac GmbH as previously reported.

\*\* Comment: It has previously been reported that the Soviets intend to retain control of Bahnbedarf A.G.

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